WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Murder and rape in Lajpat Nagar Hostel

*430. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any head-way has been made in regard to rape and murder of an innocent young resident of a Lajpat Nagar Hostel in New Dehli;

(b) whether it is a fact that such incidents have happened earlier also in hostels where murder and rape of innocent girls had taken place; and

(c) what are the details of such incidents during the last two years and what action Government have taken in each case?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. One accused person Rajinder Kumar alias Babli resident of Guru Nanak Market, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi has been arrested in the case FIR No. 384 dated 9th July, 1985 U|s 302|376 IPC Police Station Lajpat Nagar. The accused is in judicial custody.

(b) and (c) No other case of this type has been reported to Delhi Police during the last two years.

Issuance of Visa by Pakistan and India

*432. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that tourism has increased between India and Pakistan during the years 1984 and 1985; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Tourist arrivals from Pakistan declined by about 46.4 per cent in 1984 and about 33.4 per cent during the first six months of 1985.

Presidential assent to the Calcutta University (Amendment) Bills, 1984

@*433. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state what are the reasons for which the Calcutta University (Amendment) Bill, 1984 which deals with the procedure of appointment of Vice-Chancellor and pro-Vice-Chancellor and is pending Presidential assent has not yet been cleared?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): The issue involved are under examination in consultation with the concerned Ministry.

Exclusion of Holidays while availing of earned leave by Government Servants

*434. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Saturdays and Sundays falling during the period of earned leave granted to the Central Government employees which are otherwise holidays are counted as earned leave;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in some public sector undertakings a deduction is made for Saturdays and Sundays falling during the period of earned leave granted to their employees and these are excluded from the earned leave availed of by them; and

(c) whether Government propose to make suitable amendments in the leave rules governing the Central Government employees so that Saturdays and Sundays are not counted as earned leave, if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

@Previously starred Question No. 233 transferred from the 7th August, 1985.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) As per the existing rules, a Government servant is permitted to prefix/suffix holidays which fall immediately preceding the day on which he proceeds on leave or immediately following the day on which his leave expires. Holidays, Saturdays and Sundays falling within the leave period are counted as part of leave.

(b) The information is being ascertained through Bureau of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance.

(c) There is no proposal for making any amendments to the existing provisions of the Leave Rules in this regard. A Government servant on earned leave is treated as not on duty from the day he proceeds on such leave till he resumes duty after the expiry of leave. In view of this, holidays Saturdays and Sundays falling within the spell of earned leave cannot be treated as duty and therefore, cannot be excluded from the entire spell of earned leave.

Statement of the Head of Pakistani Nuclear Centre on Uranium Enrichment

*435. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM :
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a note of the news circulated by the Press Trust of India on the 23rd July, 1985 that Dr. A. Q. Khan, who heads a nuclear research centre in Pakistan declared that success achieved by Pakistan in the field of enrichment of uranium had put the country in the exclusive club of seven nations ahead of India in the field of enrichment of uranium by 25 years; and

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT; ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Government have seen press reports regarding the statement. The claim that Pakistan is ahead of India in uranium enrichment technology cannot be commented upon as we have no means of verifying the statement. Our Scientists at BARC have kept abreast of different technologies for uranium enrichment.

Burning of factories of M|s Pure Drinks Ltd. and M|s Mohan Machines Ltd.

*436. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact hat factories of M/s Pure Drinks (New Delhi) Ltd. and M/s Mohan Machines Ltd., were attacked, looted and damaged during November, 1984 riots and FIR lodged with the police to that effect;

(b) whether any of the culprits involved were arrested in this connection; and

(c) whether there are any links of their competitors M/s Parles and their directors having hand in it?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The factory of M/s Pure Drinks Ltd. at Najafgarh Road, New Delhi was burnt and damaged during the riots in Delhi in November, 1984. A case of FIR No. 594/84 U|s 147|148|149|427|304 IPC was registered at Police Station Moti Nagar, Delhi. 19 persons were arrested and the case is pending trial in Court.

The factory of M/s Mohan Machines Ltd. at Okhla Phase-I was also attacked and damaged during the November 1984 riots in Delhi. A case FIR No 290 U|s 147|148|149|436|395 IPC was registered at Police Station Badarpur. 5 persons were arrested and the case is pending trial in Court.

(c) Government has no information about this matter.